

# Chebeague Pre-K News- January/February 2016

Look and see how the Pre-K class has been learning about each other and about the world since we returned from our holiday break and started into the year 2016.



*Lots of concentration and coordination go into hiding objects in little gift boxes and packing them into drawstring bags with a toggle bolt. We take turns sharing the bags in search of the hidden objects.*



*Pattern blocks templates were a fun way to learn about radial symmetry and reinforce the hexagon shape. It naturally evolved into cutting practice while creating snowflakes. We had to shovel and plow up all the little cut outs.*



*Flicking the spinner enticed us to play this game. Over time we all got better at recognizing a group*

*of dots as a certain quantity. Then we practiced our 1:1 counting on the game board.*



*In January we joined our K-2 friends to participate in some peace and equal rights related activities. We made peaceful people, peace flags, and walked (in paint) for peace. The teachers staged a type of bus boycott.*



*This cooperative game had us matching and naming colors and shapes through the dice rolls.*



*As we began to learn about what was under the Earth's crust we explored magnetic/non magnetic and then objects were added that had both so we learned about Venn diagrams (not in name, just the idea of the overlapping circles).*



*Exploring magnetic rings and magnetic marbles*



*If you elevate the tray you can "magically" make the magnetic marbles move. Very cool.*



*Squeezing - fine motor practice - wet sponges in a garlic press.*



*Twisting - fine motor practice - cracking walnuts and then sharing the walnut meat with friends.*



*We each made a play-dough model of the layers of the earth. We rolled a sphere for the inner core, added layers for the outer core, mantel and crust, and then extracted a slice to get a look inside.*



*Our fingers get a good workout manipulating the clay into an island and a lake as we learn about landforms. Adding the water and label flags are the best.*



*We talk about our feelings and how when we are kind to one another we feel good inside and our heart lights are bright. When negative thoughts prevail (add the black paper behind) our heart lights are dim.*



*Counting and fine motor together: Sort and match the golf tees and pompons onto the correctly sequenced boards. Takes concentration!*



*We explored how many polished pebbles equaled the weight of our Pet Rock.*



*Over the last few weeks we have been learning attribute and property words through an exploration of rocks. With support from Miss Linda we each created our own Pet Rock(s).*



*The last Friday before vacation we had a "rock n roll" event with our K-2 friends. We each made a tic-tac-toe game, made music shakers with our choice of rocks inside, built cairns, and...*



*"Rony"*



*"Hopper"*



*"Smoothy" and "Roughy"*





*with Mrs. Hoidal made edible layers of the earth treats.*

### **Calendar Updates**

- Feb 22: Full Moon - "Snow Moon"
- Feb 23: CIS Chinese New Year Celebration
- March 10: Island Commons Visit
- March 13 - Daylight Savings Begins
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day
- March 25: Early Release 11:30

*Thank you for sharing your children  
Miss Nancy*